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STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS (Under M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b))

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office action on the merits.

The Examiner is requested to consider the references noted on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 during examination of the above-identified patent application. These references are submitted for the Examiner's consideration and are submitted pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. In submitting these references, no representation is made or implied that the references are or are not material to the examination of the application. The Examiner is encouraged to make his or her own determination of materiality. Pursuant to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's July 11, 2003 waiver of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of the United States patent references are not provided. Copies of the foreign patent references are provided.

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and as required by M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b), the Examiner is requested to consider the following applications that may include subject matter similar to that of the present application:

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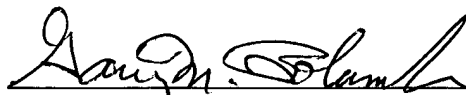
- (1) U.S. patent application No. 10/936,408, filed 07 September 2004, pending; and
- (2) U.S. patent application No. 10/970,896, filed 22 October 2004, pending.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), no fees are due with respect to this filing. However, if any fees are deemed necessary, such fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 04-1415.

If the examiner has any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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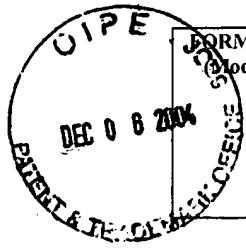
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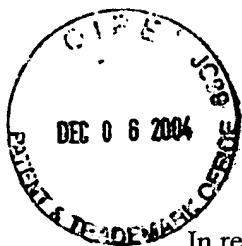
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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3) and § 1.98) and Statement of Relatedness (Under M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b)) (2 pages);
2. Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant (Form PTO-1449) (1 page);
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